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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
Hiroshi TAKAMI	:	Examiner: Unassigned
Application No.: 10/617,052)	
	:	Group Art Unit: Unassigned
Filed: July 11, 2003)	
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For: IMAGE FORMING SYSTEM AND)	August 6, 2003
IMAGE FORMING METHOD	:	

Commissioner for Patents
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the patent document listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. A copy of the listed patent document is also enclosed.

STATEMENT/PETITION/FEE

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b), since a first Official Action has not been received in the above-identified application, neither a Statement, Petition, nor payment of a Fee is required for this Information Disclosure Statement. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any Fee, which may be deemed necessary in connection with this paper to Deposit Account No. 06-1205. A duplicate of this paper is enclosed for that purpose.

REMARKS

Japanese Patent Document No. 2001-201921 is discussed at least at page 4, lines 1 through 18 of the specification.

It is also noted that U.S. Patent No. 6,532,347 B2 (Watanabe, et al.) was cited in an Information Disclosure Statement filed July 11, 2003, along with the original application materials. Watanabe, et al. discloses a method of detecting charge current in a non-discharge region and a discharge region. It is respectfully submitted that Watanabe, et al. does not disclose a method of switching current detection characteristics.

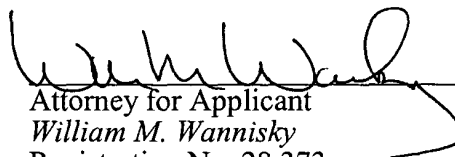
CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the cited information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Favorable consideration hereof is earnestly solicited.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our New York office at the address given below.

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	2001-201921	07/27/01	Japan			Abstract	

OTHER DOCUMENT(S) (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)		

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